

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 7/10/17 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, Law Director Dave Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 6/26/17 Utility & Finance Committees and Regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. In reference to the June 2017 monthly report for water Mr. Elzer asked about the increase in the amount of water billed from 7.58 million gallons last month to 14.34 million gallons this month, he said it was noted that the amount may not be accurate due to transition of the water meter system and asked why. WW Superintendent John Jurjavcic that there were no readings taken on any of the municipal buildings (including backwashing) in May so June's reading was for over two months. He said it may take a couple months for everything to level out so we can see where we stand. Mr. Cohen said he thought we now had the ability to track the consumptions on a daily basis, Jurjavcic stated we will but not until we get the collectors up and the new software installed. Mr. Cohen asked how we are currently getting the readings, Jurjavcic said the majority of the new meters are in so we can use our meters guns to go out and download the readings and the 250 that aren't in we have to go out and physically read them. Jurjavcic stated this project was originally supposed to take six months but they had the majority of the meters installed in three weeks which really overloaded things and created a lot of problems especially for the girls in the office and the guys in the field. At this point Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the June 2017 department reports, seconded by Mr. Walker.

AGENDA: JOHN HERBERT-VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY. Mr. Herbert passed out some information on fracking to Council, he stated a few weeks ago there was an anti fracking/anti pipeline meeting at the Library held by the Sierra Club. He said prior to the meeting he asked the Chamber of Commerce to advertise the meeting on the sign at the railroad tracks. He said he was refused because fracking and the Sierra Club are political issues, he said that is wrong, that fracking is a commercial and environmental issue. He said the National Chamber of Commerce is a huge lobby group in Washington D.C. and they are very political and that the Sierra Club is nothing by comparison. He stated no one should be excited about the pipeline project because they bring their own workers and trailers for housing and will not be here long enough to impact local businesses. He stated no one from Council or the Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting at the Library. He said EP sits in a valley and all of our water comes from wells and if we encourage drilling there is a chance for water and air pollution to increase and harm the health of the citizens.

CLERK: NO REPORT

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated she didn't attend the July 4th fireworks but she had many good comments on how great the fireworks were.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone thanked the Fireman's Association and the Department for one of the best fireworks displays we have ever had. He also thanked Zack Dunn, Nate Sugar, Nate Foster and the Park Board and everyone that helps put on the 4th. At this point Manager Monteleone read aloud a letter from Chief Kevin Dickey. *"Dear Manager Monteleone, after much consideration and with mixed emotions I am announcing my retirement from the East Palestine Police Department effective September 23, 2017. My last scheduled workday will be Friday, September 22, 2017. It has been an honor to serve as the Chief of Police for the last five years and would like to thank you for your confidence in me to serve in this capacity. As you know, many challenges continue to face the police department. I know finding a competent suitable replacement for the Chief's position will be difficult. As we have already discussed, I urge you to make the selection for my replacement at the earliest possible date to aid in making the transition as smooth as possible and for the wellbeing of the department as a whole. I offer my assistance to you in any manner you deem appropriate and/or necessary in the process. I wish you, the entire police department and Village the very best in the future. Sincerely Chief Kevin S. Dickey"* Monteleone stated we will begin the process of finding a replacement and thanked Chief Dickey for

job that he has done over the last five years. Mayor Zuch added that Chief Dickey has done a wonderful job over the years and hates to see him go. She also said she appreciates how hard the Fire Chief and his men work for the community and she also thanks the residents as they support the Village with the Police/Fire/ and Park levies

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: Mr. Walker thanked the Fire Department for the fireworks the residents for their donations which make the fireworks possible.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated he spent the entire day on July 4th at the Park and it was a wonderful day and it went off without a hitch. He stated Chief Brown parked the new tanker truck outside for everyone to look at. Mr. Elzer mentioned the new street sweeper is in and Mr. Walker stated he has seen it in action and it looks great.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer stated that at the next election there are four council seats up for election, and one of the seats in for the remainder of a four year term.

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated the plans for the upgrade to the sewer system were submitted on time to the EPA, now we just wait for a response. He also stated there was legislation for monies needed to purchase an additional 250 or so water meters (and have them installed) that were short in the original project and he would like it to be passes emergency so as not to stop the project. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated in speaking with NECCO they are giving a cost of around \$79,000.00, however she doesn't want to have to come back to Council if something else would come up so she increased the amount to \$87,000.00, she doesn't feel we will need the additional but it was done just to be safe.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger asked for any questions on the budget and stated that it would need to be made an emergency. At this point Mr. Cohen made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ord. 20-2017 (additional money for water meter project), the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John Simon, Mary Anne Tyger, John Jurjavic, Dianna Elzer, John & Dot Herbert, Chief Josh Brown, Keith McCoy, Ross McCoy, John Davis, John Martin, Officer Brian Moore, Chief Kevin Dickey, and Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 18-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of East Palestine Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 18-2017. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 19-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager on behalf of Council to set the price of pool passes on and after July 1 of each year until opening of the pool the following year and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 19-2017. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 20-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a change order to the agreement with NECCO, to add an additional 259 water meters at an additional cost not to exceed \$87,000.00 and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on

Ord. 20-2017. . Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-n. 5-1 to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH